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SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether some rural dispensaries, allopathic, unani or ayurvedic, have been closed altogether for want of sufficient doctors? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"Yes, Sir."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Are there not enough doctors now waiting at the doors of the Government for employment; and if so, why is there delay in employing them? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There is no objection to employing them; the doctors are not coming forward."

SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—" May I know whether many applications from doctors to the Government are now pending, and if so, how many are so pending? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" May I know, Sir, whether this supplementary question arises out of the answer given."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" It does arise, because the closure of rural dispensaries has come into this. All that the hon. Member wants to tell the Government is that there are enough number of doctors available and that the closure of some of these dispensaries is responsible for their unemployment."

(No reply.)

Madras Secretariat.

* 49 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of departments in the Secretariat in 1939 and now in 1947;

(*b*) the number of Secretaries, Joint Secretaries, Additional Secretaries, Deputy Secretaries, Under Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, Superintendents, upper division and lower division clerks employed in each department in 1939 and now in 1947;

(*c*) the cost of the staff in the Secretariat in 1939 and now in 1947;

(*d*) whether the question of re-organization of the work of the Secretariat to effect economy and promote efficiency has ever been considered by Government;

(*e*) whether the Government have received any complaints that the present Secretariat procedure is cumbersome and is not conducive to quick disposal of papers; and

(*f*) what steps the Government propose to take to ensure avoidance of delays in the disposal of papers?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" (*a*) 9 and 10, respectively.

" (*b*) A statement[a] is placed on the Table of the House.

" (*c*) Rs. 11,97,375 and Rs. 21,64,202, respectively.

[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 299 infra.

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" (*d*) The Government have appointed a Retrenchment and Reorganization Committee to look into the question of re-organization of departments and of effecting economies in expenditure.

" (*e*) No.

" (*f*) The question does not arise."

Candidates for the All-India Administrative Services.

* 50 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government of Madras have agreed to participate in the Central Government's scheme for recruiting and training candidates for the All-India Administrative Services;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, what the conditions governing such participation are;

(*c*) whether any post or posts in the Madras Services has or have been reserved to members of the All-India Administrative Services and if so, what the posts are;

(*d*) whether the Government will place on the table of the House all correspondence between the Central Government and the Madras Government on the subject;

(*e*) whether the members of the Madras Civil Service have been apprised of the coming changes; and

(*f*) whether the Government have received any representations either individually or collectively from the members of the Madras Civil Services protesting against the reservation of posts for the members of the All-India Administrative Services?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) (i) All candidates for the All-India Administrative Service except those promoted from the Provincial Civil Service will be recruited on the results of an open competition held by the Federal Public Service Commission. The rules regulating conditions of eligibility, nature of tests, etc., for recruitment to the All-India Administrative Service will be framed by the Central Government in consultation with the participating Provincial Governments and the Federal Public Service Commission.

(ii) Candidates selected for appointment to the All-India Administrative Service will be allotted to the participating Provincial Governments by the Central Government who will, before making allotment, consult Provincial Governments as far as possible and comply with their requirements. Candidates will be allotted as far as possible to their Province of origin or domicile.

(iii) The first appointment of candidates selected by the Federal Public Service Commission, by open competition, will be made by the Central Government.